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SUBJECT: PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK (UNCLASSIFIED)

AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK TODAY COMPLETED HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AND HAS RETURNED TO DETROIT. HE LEAVES DETROIT JULY 21 AND PLANS TO ARRIVE IN PEKING JULY 26 FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS AT CINCPAC (JULY 21-23) AND TOKYO (JULY 24-26).

2. PRC PARTICIPATION IN NON-FACILITATED EXCHANGE SPORTS EVENT IN US (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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THE PRC HAS REQUESTED VISAS FOR A VOLLEYBALL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN A TOURNAMENT IN HONOLULU. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST PRC "CULTURAL" GROUP OUTSIDE THE FACILITATED EXCHANGE FRAMEWORK TO ASK TO COME HERE. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT A TEAM FROM TAIWAN MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INVITED, SO WE ARE DELAYING ACTION ON THE VISAS UNTIL THIS IS CLARIFIED.

3. COTTON SALES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE CHINESE ARE BUYING MORE US COTTON. USDA ESTIMATES, ON THE BASIS OF REGISTERED SALES AND OTHER INFORMAL REPORTS, THAT AS MUCH AS DOLS. 60 MILLION WORTH OF US COTTON--AND PROBABLY MORE--WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE PRC BETWEEN NOW AND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

4. VIPS TO THE PRC (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE UPSWING IN THE NUMBER OF VIPS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE PRC IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS--MANY OF THEM BUSINESSMEN. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF BOEING, IBM, PANAM AND SQUIBB WILL SOON BE MAKING TRIPS TO CHINA. OTHER NOTABLES INCLUDE HERBERT STEIN, FORMER ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION; COLUMNIST CARL ROWAN AND WASHINGTON STAR PUBLISHER JOSEPH ALLBRITTON. THERE IS ALSO AN INCREASING VOLUME OF LOWER-LEVEL TRADE DELEGATIONS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. BOTH THE NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS AND THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE GOING TO THE PRC WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE WILL FINISH OUT THE YEAR WITH AT LEAST ELEVEN EXCHANGES--COMPARED TO SIX IN 1976.

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5. PRCM PERSONNEL (UNCLASSIFIED)

SYLVIA STANFIELD, FORMERLY OF EA/P, JOINED PRCM THIS WEEK, WHICH IS THE LAST FOR ECONOMIC SPECIALIST JACK AUBERT, WHO IS OFF TO PRINCETON. THIS WEEK WE ALSO WELCOMED JOYCE BLACKMON, REPLACING GLORIA COLLINS AS SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER, AND SUMMER INTERN SARAH GNAEDINGER, A RADCLIFFE SENIOR.
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